

CHINESE FULL OF DECEPTION.

Horrible Injuries, Frequently Self Inflicted, Used to Excite Sympathy.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 3.—One who has never visited the native quarters of Chinese cities cannot conceive the indescribable mass of filth and rubbish of all descriptions that cumber up both streets and houses. Such a thing as cleanliness is unknown, for where the struggle for existence is so keen people have no time to waste on keeping their habitations or their persons in a reasonable state of cleanliness. Peking, being one of the largest, has an equally large proportion of dirt, but even in that phenomenally unclean place no other spot can vie for repulsiveness with the Bridge of the Beggars. Not alone are all varieties of inanimate refuse on exhibition there, but also the raffia and remnants of Chinese humanity.

The Chinese beggar resorts not alone to personal appeal and unending lamentation, but also on personal mutilation, in the hope that the sight of his deformity, natural or artificial, will awaken pity in the breast of the passerby. Many horrible instances might be noted of the manner in which the Chinese mendicants deliberately mutilate themselves in order to be fitted for their calling. One method is to bind an insect upon the eye and allow it to destroy the sight. When this is accomplished, the beggar may go forth to present his claim in consideration of his blindness. This is but one method of many similar ones. Every device that Chinese ingenuity can invent is adopted to produce deformity, and the human form divine is twisted out of all resemblance to its normal self in some cases. Of course a vast amount of patience and perseverance is often necessary, but these traits are inborn in a Chinaman of whatever rank in life. The hideous repulsiveness of the results obtained is such as to spoil the dreams of the foreign observer unless he have unusually strong nerves.

In this respect the Chinese beggars resemble closely those of Italy of the present day or of those of medieval Europe, although the injuries of the latter were for the most part only feigned. The Chinese likewise are also too shrewd to needlessly mutilate themselves when they can avoid it. As is well known, they are past masters of the art of deception, and some of the imagined injuries and deformities are so cleverly simulated as to defy all inspection and fear of detection.

Beggary is an established institution and recognized occupation in China. Children are trained to it from their birth, as any one who has been assailed by the vociferous calls for alms from Chinese beggars of all ages will readily testify. The mendicants have their well organized societies and guilds, in this resembling all classes of Chinese tradesmen and workmen. At the head of the guild is the "king of the beggars," who is often a person of considerable local importance. He is generally possessed of means gained by the taking of a percentage of the alms collected by the members of his guild, and he lives in fine style. He exists in all the walled cities and large towns of China, and in such places a regular tax is levied upon every one who is considered sufficiently wealthy to afford to pay it. All foreigners are, of course, included, for by their presence in China their wealth is ascertained. The native who pays his assessment to the guild often attempts to delude himself with the idea that so doing is obedience to the Confucian precepts inculcating benevolence. Besides this, he knows that to refuse the demands of the guild is to bring down upon his head a host of troubles. Unless his usual contribution is forthcoming the king leads upon his place of business a host of beggars of all sizes, shapes and descriptions, and if he has any goods left in his shop when they depart he may thank whichever of his numerous gods he most believes in. The guild divides the city into districts and assigns to each beggar his district but, as in every other Chinese profession, there are tramp beggars who bring disgrace upon their worthy trade by trespassing the boundaries of others.

Many amusing instances might be given of the tricks played by the beggars upon missionaries. A very well known worker in this field cured a native beggar of cataract, only to be met with the demand that he support the man, as he had been deprived by the cure of his means of earning a livelihood.

CHARLES E. ROBINSON.

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A Mayor,
A Marshal and Collector of Taxes,
A Clerk and Treasurer,
An Assessor of Taxes,
Two Aldermen, to serve two years.
The following persons are appointed judges of election: J. P. Goldsmith, R. E. Mims, Jr., Geo. W. Scobie; and C. R. Stewart, clerk of election. A. D. PENNEY, Mayor.
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NOTICE OF ELECTION.

Whereas, The legislature of 1890, under the constitution of 1885, of the state of Florida, did pass four joint resolutions proposing amendments to the constitution of the state of Florida, and the same were agreed to by a vote of three-fifths of all the members elected to each house; that the vote on said joint resolutions were entered upon their respective journals, with the yeas and nays thereon, and they did determine and direct that the said joint resolutions be submitted to the electors of the state at the general election in November, 1900.

Now, therefore, I, Jno. L. Crawford, secretary of state, of the state of Florida, do hereby give notice that a

GENERAL ELECTION

will be held in each county in Florida on Tuesday next succeeding the first Monday in November, A. D. 1900, the said Tuesday being the

SIXTH DAY OF NOVEMBER,

for the ratification or rejection of the said joint resolutions proposing amendments to the constitution of the state of Florida, viz:

Article XV.

That the following amendment to the constitution of the state of Florida be and the same is hereby agreed to and shall be submitted to the electors of the state at the general election A. D. 1900 for ratification or rejection:

Section 4, Article VII, of the constitution of the state of Florida is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 4. Where any senatorial district is composed of two or more counties, the counties of which such district consists shall not be entirely separated by any county belonging to another district. Any new county that may be created shall be entitled to one member in the house of representatives, in excess of the limit prescribed in section 2 of this article until the apportionment following next thereafter, and shall be assigned when created to one of the adjoining senatorial districts as shall be determined by the legislature.

Article XVI.

That the following amendment to the constitution of the state of Florida be and is hereby agreed to, and shall be submitted to the electors of the state at the general election in November, A. D. 1900, for ratification or rejection:

Section 25 of Article III of said constitution be and is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 25. The legislature shall provide by general law for incorporating such educational, agricultural, mechanical, mining, transportation, mercantile and other useful companies or associations as may be deemed necessary; but it shall not pass any special law on any such subject, and any such special law shall be of no effect; provided, however, that nothing herein shall preclude special legislation as to a university or the public schools, or as to a ship canal across the state.

Article XVII.

That the following amendment to the constitution of the state of Florida be and the same is hereby agreed to, and shall be submitted to the electors of the state at the general election in November, A. D. 1900, for ratification or rejection:

Section 5 of Article VIII of the constitution shall be and is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 5. Immediately upon the ratification of this amendment the county commissioners of the several counties of this state shall divide their respective counties into five commissioner's districts, to be numbered respectively from one to five, inclusive, and each district shall be, as nearly as possible, equal in proportion to population, and thereafter there shall be in each of such districts a county commissioner who shall be elected by the qualified electors of said county at the time and place of voting for other county officers, and shall hold his office for two years. The powers, duties and compensation of such county commissioners shall be prescribed by law; provided, that nothing herein shall effect the terms of commissioners holding office at the time of such division; provided, further, that all vacancies occurring by limitations of terms, or from death, resignation, or otherwise, before the election of 1902, be filled by appointment by the governor as now provided by law.

Article XVIII.

That the following amendment to the constitution of the state of Florida be and the same is hereby agreed to, and shall be submitted to the electors of the state at the general election in November, A. D. 1900, for ratification or rejection:

Section 12 of Article XVI of the constitution of the state of Florida is amended to read as follows:

Section 12. The present seal of the state shall remain the seal of the state of Florida. The state flag shall be of the following proportions and description: Depth to be three-fourths length of fly. The seal of the state of diameter one-third the fly, in the center of a white ground. Red bars, in width one-eighth the length of fly extending from each corner toward the center to the outer rim of the seal.

The votes cast in compliance with said proposed amendments, and the canvass, declarations and returns thereof, shall be subjected to the same regulations and restrictions as are provided by law for general elections in the state of Florida.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the great seal of the state of Florida, at Tallahassee, the capital, this, the first day of August, A. D. 1900.
JOHN L. CRAWFORD,
Secretary of State.
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